



The Parish of Darfield

All Saints, Darfield and St Michael, Great Houghton

Sunday 28th January 2024

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10:45 a.m. Holy Communion Darfield

Sunday 4th February 2024

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Candlemas

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Great Houghton

10:45 a.m. Service for Sunday Darfield

Authority

It is clear from the various reports in the four Gospels that Jesus would be found in the Synagogue on the Sabbath Day. We read that as Jesus was returning to Nazareth after His Baptism He was *teaching in their Synagogues, and everyone was praising Him*. [Luke 4: 14] However when He reached the Synagogue in Nazareth, the people were amazed at His exposition on a passage from Isaiah [Luke 4: 18-22, Isaiah 61: 1,2] in which He told them that He had fulfilled this prophesy. Not all of them were convinced because they had known Jesus as He was growing up and thought of Him as the son of Joseph the local carpenter. They eventually drove Jesus out of the town and attempted to throw Him off a nearby cliff, but He walked through the crowd and went on His way towards Capernaum. [Luke 4: 29, 30]

Whilst teaching on the Sabbath in Capernaum, the people were amazed because His teaching was given with authority, unlike that of their teachers of the Law. [Mark 1: 22] Whilst in the Synagogue, Jesus encountered a man possessed by a demon spirit. The spirit cried out, recognising and acknowledging Jesus as **the Holy One of God** [Mark 1: 23, 24]. Jesus rebuked it and ordered the spirit to come out of the man. The people there were even more amazed about the authority of Jesus even over impure spirits and the news spread throughout Galilee. [Mark 1: 27, 28]

When Jesus sent his disciples out on their first independent venture to proclaim the Kingdom of God, He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases. [Luke 9: 1, 2]. The disciples set out in pairs proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

In the days following His final entry into Jerusalem, Jesus spent much of His time teaching in the Temple courts. The blind and lame came to Him and were healed and the people were chanting **Hosanna to the Son of David**. This caused a great deal of indignation among the chief priests and elders of the people. They came to Jesus and asked by whose authority was he teaching and healing. Jesus responded with the question as to whether John's baptism was from heaven or from human origin. Realising that whichever answer they gave would put them in a difficult position they answered "we do not know" [Matthew 21: 24-27], Jesus then refused to reveal His authority to them.

In one of the final encounters between them and the Risen Jesus, the eleven Disciples received the great commission.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," [Matthew 28: 18, 19]



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Prayers in Love and Faith

A chance to listen, explore and share, to make your own decisions and to find a way ahead together

Saturday, 3rd February 2024: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Refreshments from 10:15 a.m.

Lent 2024: The Prayer Course:

Eight Weekly Sessions based on the Lord's Prayer

*Starting on **Wednesday 18th February***

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ardsley:

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Darfield or Great Houghton

Saturday sessions will be offered at Thurnscoe:

Sign up with Jo

the
prayer
course

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Collect

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Psalm 111
Revelation 12: 1-5a
Mark 1: 21-28

Readings for this week

January

28th Luke 2: 41-52
29th Proverbs 27: 13-27
30th Proverbs 28: 1-8
31st Proverbs 28: 9-19

February

1st Proverbs 28: 20-28
2nd Proverbs 29: 1-13
3rd Proverbs 29: 14-27
4th Proverbs 30: 1-10

Prayer Square

**This week we are praying
for the residents of
Darfield...**

Edderthorpe Lane
High View Close
Saltersbrook Road
Highfield Range
Crook House Lane
Crook House Court
Low Farm Court

Prayer:

Forward any prayer requests to our Prayer Ministry team through

Carol Hunter: 07542 527 331

Funerals

Monday 29th January 2024: 11:00 a.m. Sylvia Anne Watson

St Michael's Great Houghton and Barnsley Crematorium

Tuesday 30th January 2024: 2:30 p.m. Fay Hoyle

All Saints' Darfield and Barnsley Crematorium

A date for your new Diary and a promise of Spring on the horizon

Saturday 10th February: Snowdrop Day, All Saints Darfield

Plan now to visit the churchyard to see the snowdrops, join us in church for refreshment, and serve refreshments to and talk to our visitors **The snowdrops are ready to play their part, Are you?**



Easy Fundraising: Do you shop on line or buy items on eBay? Sign up to easy Fundraising and we will receive a small donation for each purchase...

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> create an account and link it to Darfield All Saints Church as your cause: It's costs you nothing

Coat appeal.

The Salvation Army at Goldthorpe (which helps people our area too) are hoping to able to ensure that everyone has a warm coat this winter. If you have one which you no longer require, please bring it to church and pop it in the Tower Room and it will be collected ready to be given to someone in need. **A chance to make a big difference !**

A Prayer for Growth:

Lord Jesus, as a Church Family in All Saints' and St Michael's, it is our mission to know You and proclaim You.

We want to connect with our community and see Your Kingdom grow. Send Your Holy Spirit to renew, invigorate and inspire us in our work for You.

Give us grace, wisdom and joy as we seek to hold out Your Word. Make us strong, powerful and courageous witnesses and grant that we grow in faith and in numbers, to the honour of Your Name, Amen

Psalm 111: 1-3, 9,10

- 1 **Praise the Lord.** I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- 2 Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- 3 Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 9 He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. **To him belongs eternal praise.**

Resources and Contacts

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Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

All Saints



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